Glorification of Sati

239. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what action has so far been taken to stop glorification of Sati so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Section 5 of the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 prohibits glorification of "Sati". The glorification of "Sati" shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to seven years and with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees but which may extend to thirty thousand rupees. The Act is required to be implemented by the State Government and the Union Territory Administrations concerned.

Serving of non-vegetarian food in IA flights

240. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines broke its own rules and served non-vegetarian food on its Goa-Delhi flight on the 5th January, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such violation of rules with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) With effect from 2-6-87, Indian Airlines serves only vegetarian lunches and dinners on Tuesdays. However, breakfasts and snacks are served both in vegetarian and non-vegetarian style.

Railway Projects in West Bengal

241. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress todate of (1) the Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana Projects (2) Digha-Tamluk Project and (3) Calcutta Circular Railway Project in West Bengal in physical and financial terms;

(b) whether the work in these projects is very slow; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Progress is as under:

S. No.	Project	Expenditure (in Rs. crores)	Physical progress
1	Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana	0.40	Construction work on these projects is in initial stages.
2	Tamluk-Digha	1.60	
3	Circular Railway Calcutta (Part-I)	23.09	67%

(b) and (c) Construction of these projects is being progressed consistent with the availability of resources.

Meerut City Railway Station

242. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned expansion and modernisation of the Meerut city railway station;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when this project is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether Government also propose to start electrification of railway track between Meerut and Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work is in progress and is planned to be completed by March, 1990 subject to availability of funds. The main features of this scheme are given in the enclosed statement. (*See below*)

(c) Delhi-Ghaziabad section is already electrified. There is at present no proposal to take up electrification of Ghaziabad-Meerut section in the VII Five Year Plan.

Statement

Main Features of the Model Station Scheme at Meerut City

1. Remodelling of and additions to the station building.

2. Improvement of circulating area.

3. Provision of additional foot over-bridge.

4. Extension of platforms 1, 2 and 3.

5. Extension of platform shelters.

6. Improvements to platform surfaces.

Lack of diagnostic and therapeutic facilities in rural areas

243. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that diagnostic and therapeutic facilities are lacking in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Health institutions and facilities in rural areas are set up under the State Plan sector and it has been recommended to the State Governments that the community health centres and primary health centres should have basic diagnostic facilities. The norms for supply of drugs vary from State to State. The Central Government provides drugs and medicines worth about Rs. 2,000/- per annum to each sub-centre established during the Sixth Plan and later years. Funds for buying basic laboratory equipment for use at sub-centres are also provided by the Central Government. Steps are also being taken to establish and augment the laboratory facilities at all Primary Health Centres in the rural areas by providing training to laboratory technicians under 100 per cent Centrally-sponsored schemes and also by providing laboratory equipments as one-time grant and making a provision of recurring grant towards reagents and glassware. In addition, under the Nationol Health Programmes like Eradication of Malaria and Leprosy, Control of Tuberculosis, Blindness, MCH Programme and Vaccine Preventable diseases, drugs and vaccines are provided by the Central Government.